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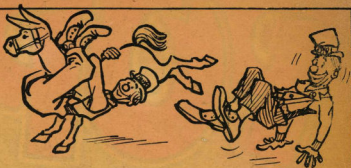
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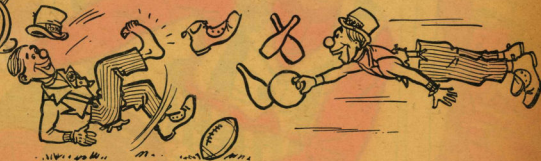
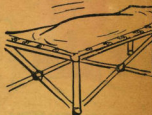
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POPPO—THE CLOWN—WHO "CAN'T HELP LIKING KIDS", HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD OVER PHOTOGRAPHING HIS ADVENTURES—THE GREAT ACTS THAT PLAYED ON THE SAME BILL—AND COLLECTING PRINTS OF THE CARTOONS AND COMEDIES THAT HE ENJOYED. BORN TO THE CIRCUS, AND THE JOY OF MAKING OTHERS LAUGH, HIDING HIS OWN SORROWS SO OTHERS MAY BE HAPPY, HE IS THE CLOWN OF ALL AGES—FOR ALL AGES. NOW HE HAS RETIRED FROM THE CIRCUS, BUT STILL FINDS HIS REWARDS IN LIFE MAKING OTHERS LAUGH.

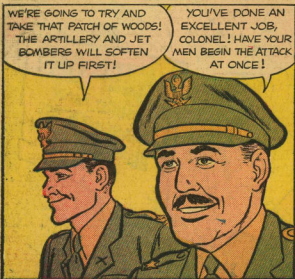
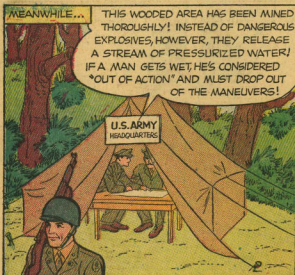


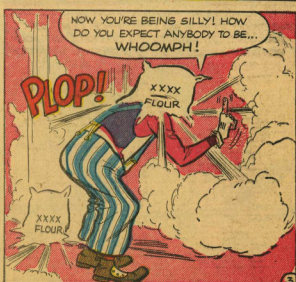
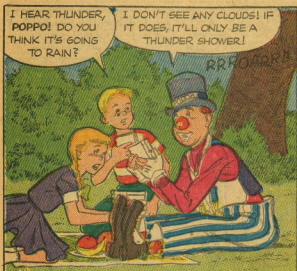
POPPO the CLOWN

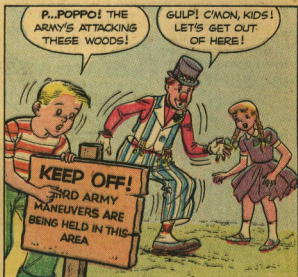
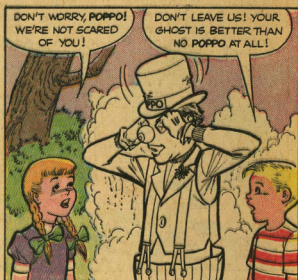
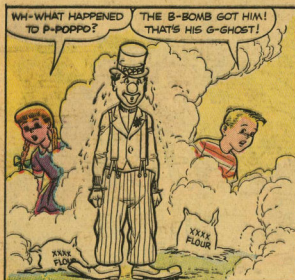
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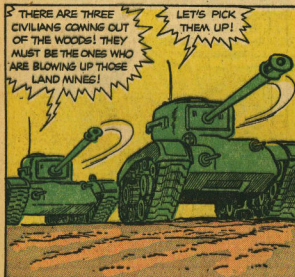
BUMPY!
LOOK AT POPPO!
HE'S ALREADY
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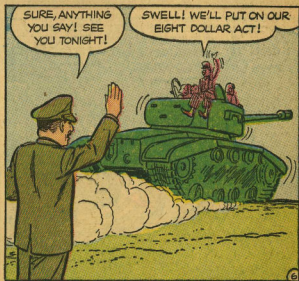
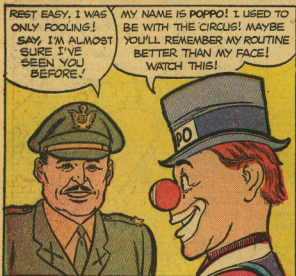
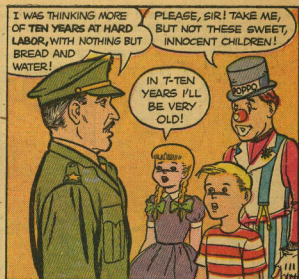












POPPO

"THE FENDER BENDER"

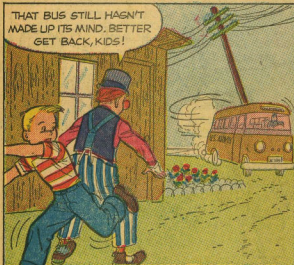
BOY, IT SURE IS GOING TO BE FUN TO PUT ON A SHOW FOR A WHOLE ARMY!

YOU BET! IF THERE'S ANYTHING I LIKE BETTER THAN A SMALL AUDIENCE, IT'S A BIG AUDIENCE!

HERE'S THE BUS!

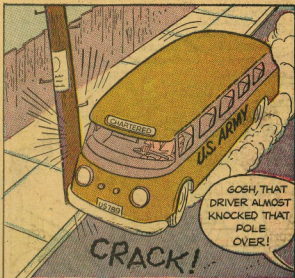
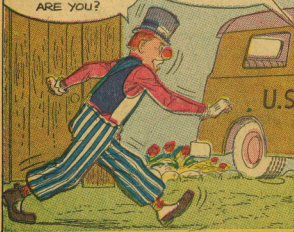


THAT BUS STILL HASN'T MADE UP ITS MIND. BETTER GET BACK, KIDS!



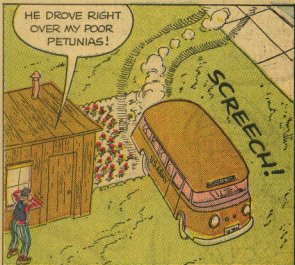
REALLY! THAT WAS PRETTY CARELESS DRIVING! WHAT KIND OF A GOOF ARE YOU?

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY! I'M AFRAID I'M NOT VERY USED TO DRIVING A BUS!



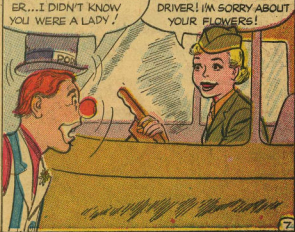
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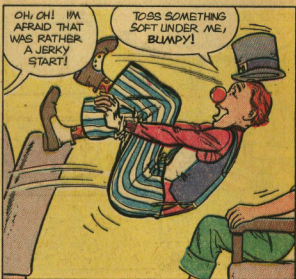
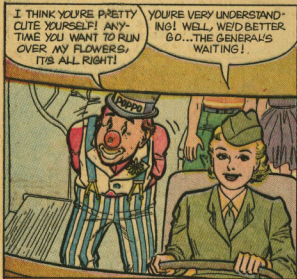
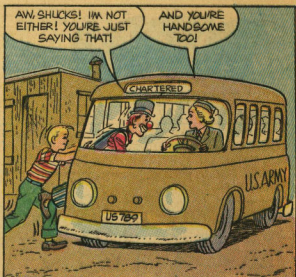
HE DROVE RIGHT OVER MY POOR PETUNIAS!

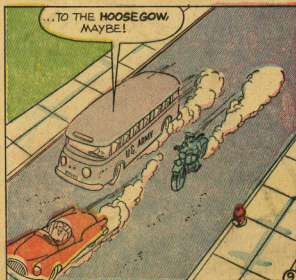
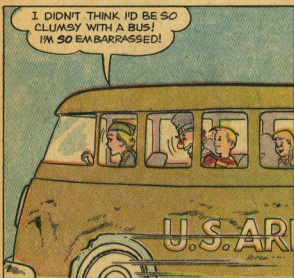
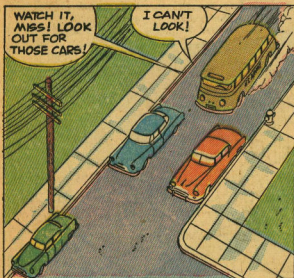


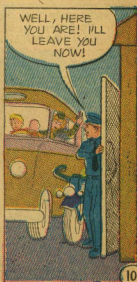
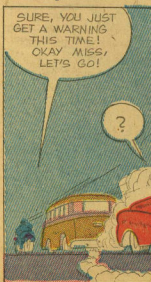
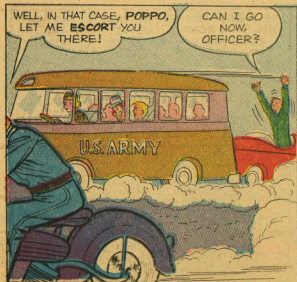
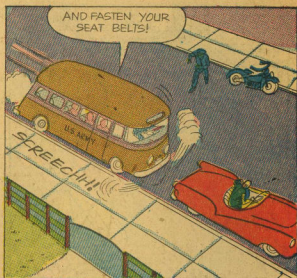
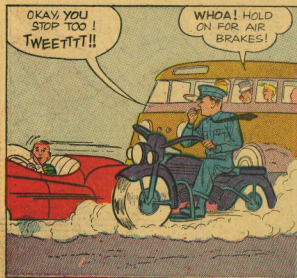
THAT'S NO EXCUSE! YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BEFORE...BEFORE... GULP; THAT IS, I MEAN ER...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A LADY!

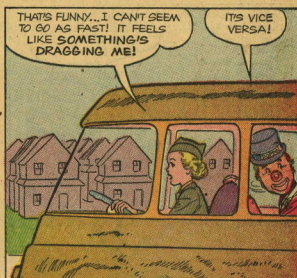
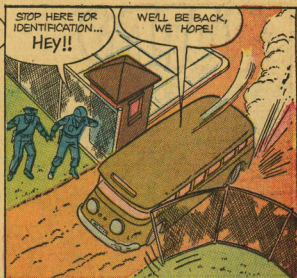
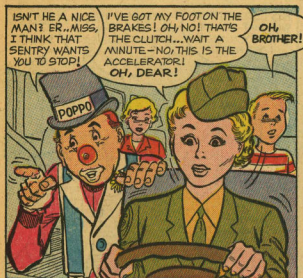
THE GENERAL ASKED THE SPECIAL SERVICES TO SEND A BUS, AND I WAS THE ONLY AVAILABLE DRIVER! I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR FLOWERS!





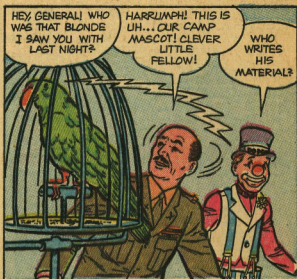
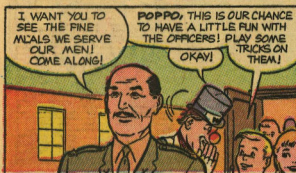


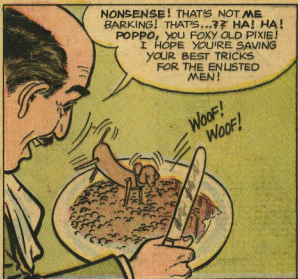
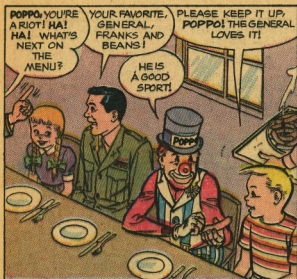


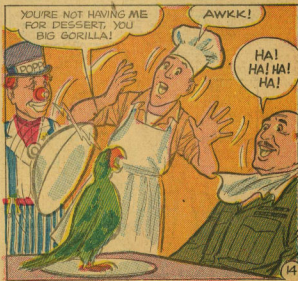
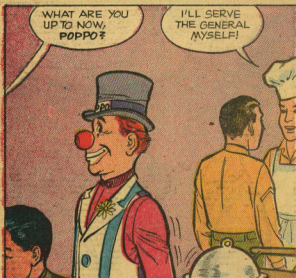
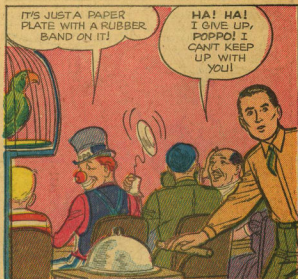


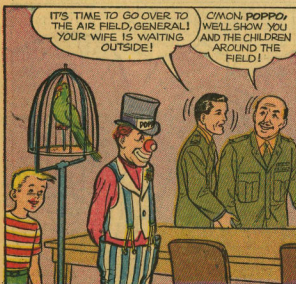
POPPO

"GETTING THE BIRD"









POPPO

"ALL UP IN THE AIR"

WE'VE GOT AN HOUR BEFORE THE SHOW! WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXAMINE SOME OF OUR NEW PLANES?

BOY! WOULD WE!



NO, POPPO! WATCH OUT! YOU'LL FALL OFF!

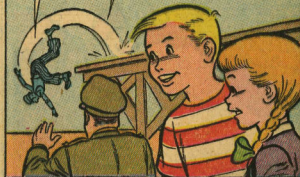
EH, WHAT'S THAT? CAN'T HEAR A THING OVER THESE ENGINES! SAY, THIS IS QUITE A NICE FIELD YOU'VE GOT HERE, GENERAL! GROUND'S NICE AND SOFT...I CAN HARDLY FEEL IT!



IS THERE A PARACHUTE IN THE HOUSE?

GET AN AMBULANCE!

WE'VE SEEN POPPO DO THAT PRAT FALL BEFORE! HE'S FOOLED THE GENERAL, THOUGH!



THIS HARD GROUND IS UNFAIR TO FALLING BODIES!

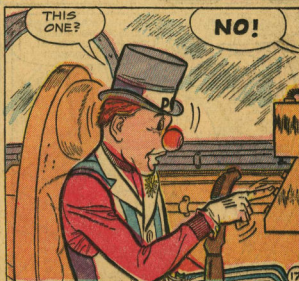
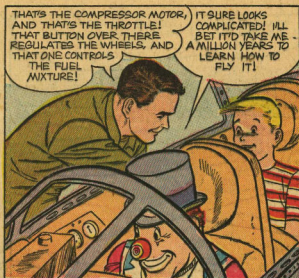
HE MUST BE HURT! WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME? GET FIRST AID! RED CROSS! HURRY!

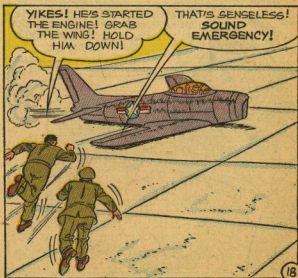
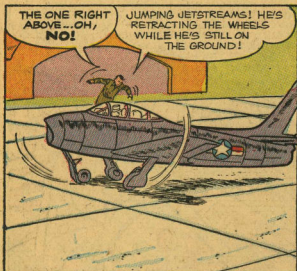


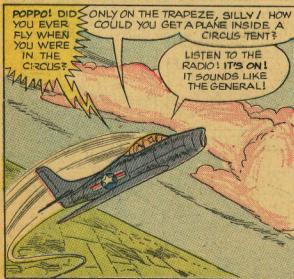
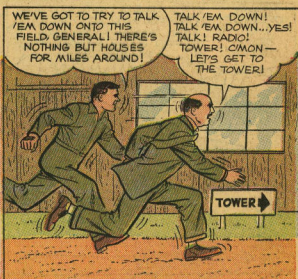
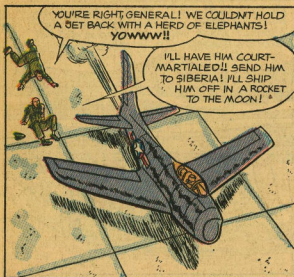
SURE! BEFORE I WAS HURT, I COULD DO TRICKS LIKE THIS!

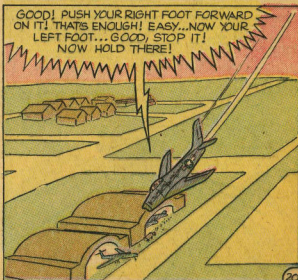
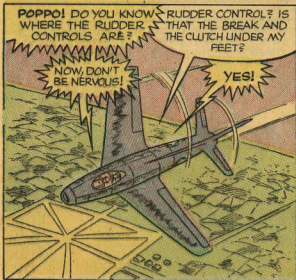
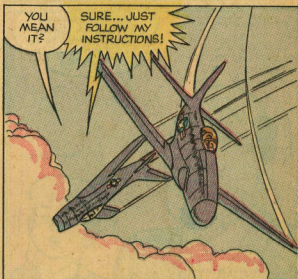
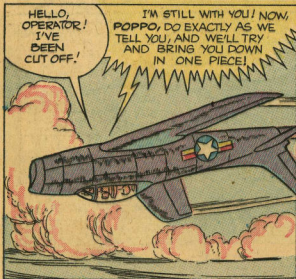
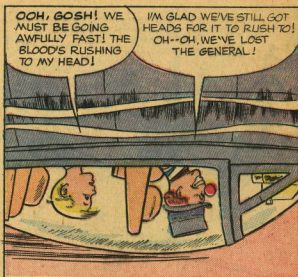
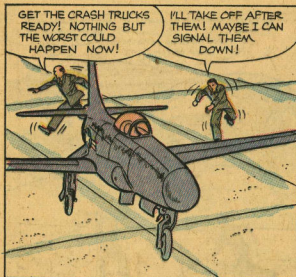
HA! HA! OKAY, POPPO, YOU FOOLED ME AGAIN!

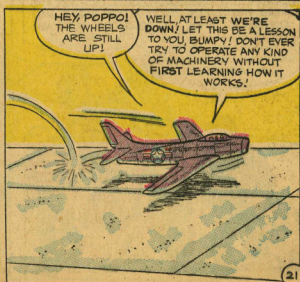
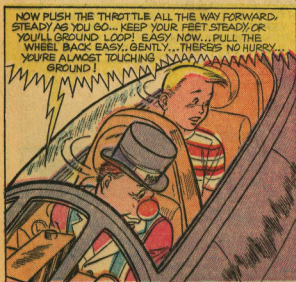
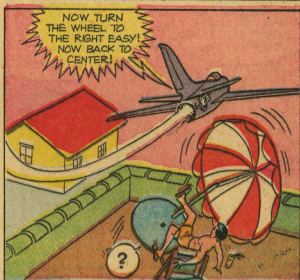
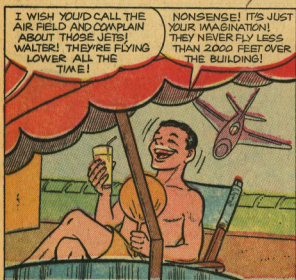
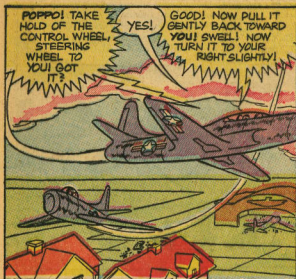


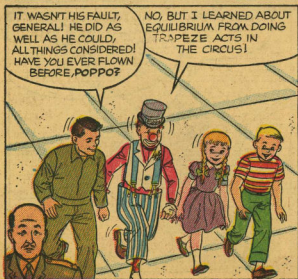
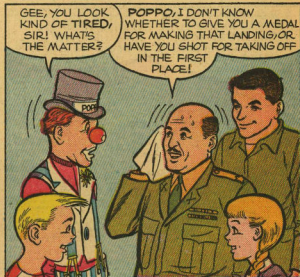
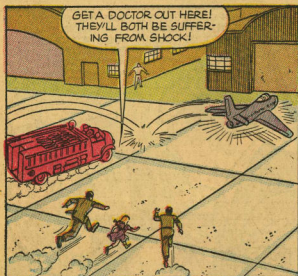












POPPO

"IT WAS IN THE ACT"

WHAT A SPLENDID TURN-OUT FOR POPPO! I HAVEN'T SEEN SO MANY G.I.'S AT A SHOW SINCE MARILYN MONROE WAS HERE!

THE ONE AND ONLY POPPO FAMED CIRCUS CLOWN! ADMISSION FREE

IT'S BECAUSE POPPO IS SO PRETTY!



YOU'VE GOT SOME SEATS IN THE FRONT ROW, KIDS! I'LL INTRODUCE YOU, POPPO!

OKAY, BUT GIVE US A FEW MINUTES TO GET READY! COME OVER HERE, BUMPY! I'LL NEED YOUR HELP!

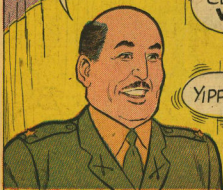


WE'RE IN FOR A REAL TREAT, TONIGHT, BOYS! YOU ALL REMEMBER SEEING POPPO WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE BOYS!

POPPO?

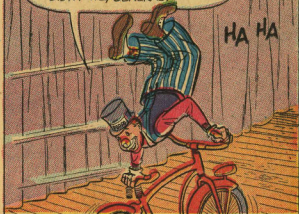
THE CLOWN? WOW!

YIPPEEE!!



SAY, I HAVEN'T SEEN SO MANY SOLDIERS SINCE THE GENERAL AND I WERE IN THE ARMY TOGETHER! WE SURE LICKED THOSE BRITISH AT BUNKER HILL, DIDN'T WE, GENERAL?

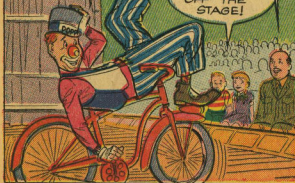
HA HA



A FUNNY THING HAPPENED IN THE OFFICERS' MESS! A LIEUTENANT CALLED THE WAITER AND SAID, "HEY! I CAN'T CUT THIS STEAK!" THE WAITER SAID, "WAIT, I'LL GET YOU ANOTHER KNIFE!"

WATCH OUT, POPPO!

HE'S GOING TO RIDE RIGHT OFF THE STAGE!



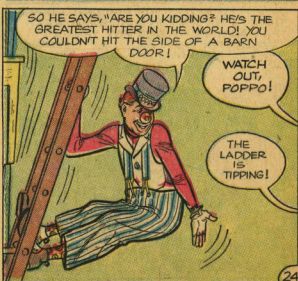
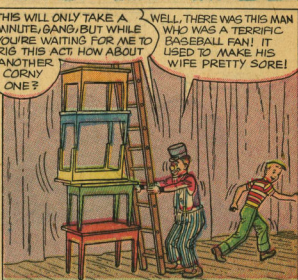
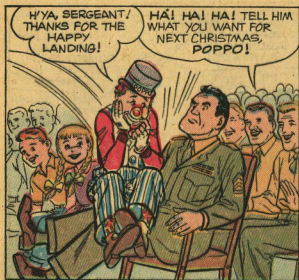
NO, POPPO, YOU CAN'T RIDE A BIKE THAT WAY!

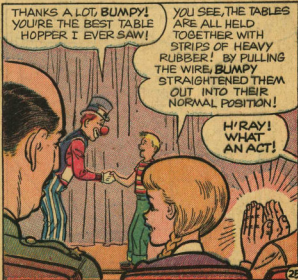
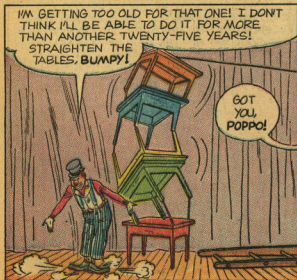
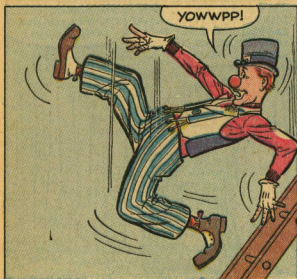
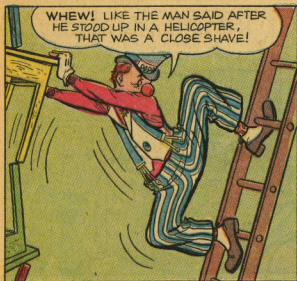
* I FOUND THAT OUT THE FIRST TIME I EVER TRIED IT!

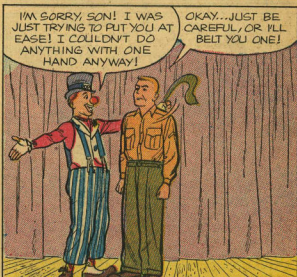
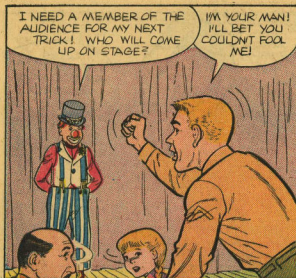
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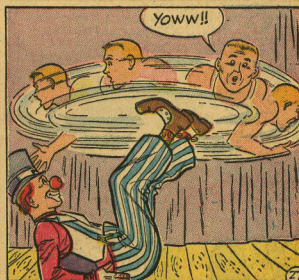
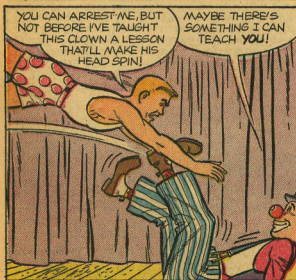
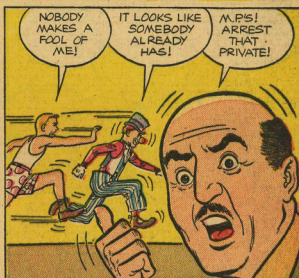
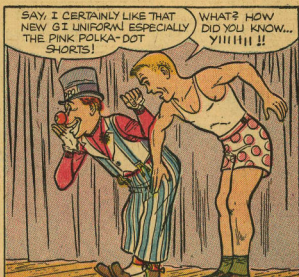
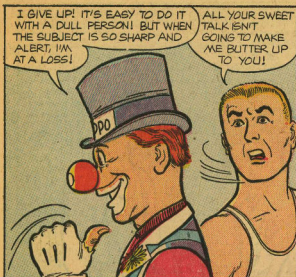


LOOK OUT BELOW!





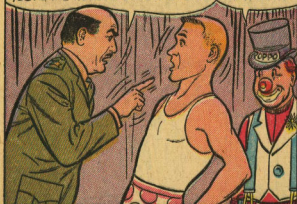




LATER, OFF STAGE...

IT'LL BE A COURT MARTIAL FOR YOU, PRIVATE! I ASKED POPPO TO COME HERE AS AN ENTERTAINER! YOU VOLUNTEERED TO GO ON STAGE! YOU'RE THE WORST SPORT I EVER SAW!

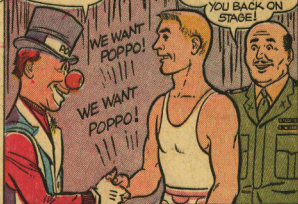
JUST A MINUTE, GENERAL! YOU'LL HAVE TO TREAT MY STOOGES NICER THAN THAT!



WE SURE HAD 'EM BELIEVING IT! THAT WAS A REAL PROFESSIONAL JOB OF BEING BEEFED!

IT WAS A LOT OF FUN, POPPO! AT LEAST WE'RE SURE OF HAVING FOOLED THE GENERAL!

WELL, I'LL BE... POPPO THEY WANT YOU BACK ON STAGE!

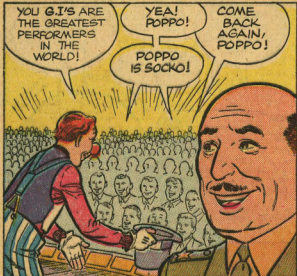


YOU G.I.'S ARE THE GREATEST PERFORMERS IN THE WORLD!

YEA! POPPO!

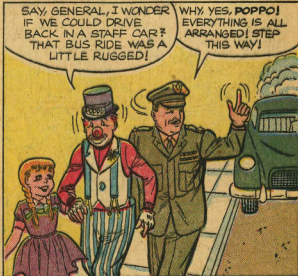
COME BACK AGAIN, POPPO!

POPPO IS SOCKO!



SAY, GENERAL, I WONDER IF WE COULD DRIVE BACK IN A STAFF CAR? THAT BUS RIDE WAS A LITTLE RUGGED!

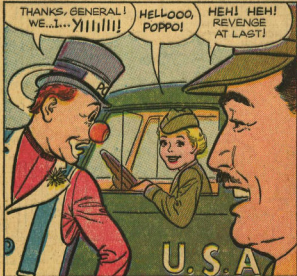
WHY, YES, POPPO! EVERYTHING IS ALL ARRANGED! STEP THIS WAY!



THANKS, GENERAL! WE...I... YIH!!!

HELLOOO, POPPO!

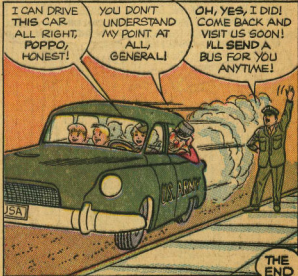
HEH! HEH! REVENGE AT LAST!



I CAN DRIVE THIS CAR ALL RIGHT, POPPO, HONEST!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND MY POINT AT ALL, GENERAL!

OH, YES, I DID! COME BACK AND VISIT US SOON! I'LL SEND A BUS FOR YOU ANYTIME!



THE END



READY? LET'S GO!
HERE'S ONE YOU'LL BE
CRAZY ABOUT!
FIRST TURN A
GLASS UPSIDE
DOWN ON A
PLATE!



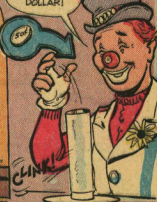
THEN TAKE A
HOLLOW PAPER
TUBE! I'LL DROP A
PENCIL THROUGH
IT! SEE? HOLLOW!



NOW SLIDE
THE TUBE OVER
THE GLASS...



...AND DROP
IN A HALF
DOLLAR!



WELL,
WE LIFT OFF
THE PAPER
TUBE...HEY!
WHERE'S
MY HALF
DOLLAR?



OH, THERE
IT IS, ON THE
TABLE! IT
WENT RIGHT
THROUGH
THE GLASS
AND THE
PLATE!



NOW, HOW
DID THAT
HAPPEN?

THIS IS HOW IT
HAPPENED! TO BEGIN, POPPO HAD
HIDDEN A DUPLICATE HALF
DOLLAR UNDER THE PLATE. THE
INNOCENT-LOOKING PAPER TUBE
HAS A PAPER PARTITION PASTED
IN ITS CENTER. THERE'S A HOLE
IN THIS PARTITION THROUGH WHICH
THE PENCIL FALLS. BUT IT'S TOO
SMALL FOR THE HALF-DOLLAR.
WHEN THE PAPER TUBE IS PUSHED
DOWN OVER THE UPSIDE-DOWN
GLASS, THE PARTITION FITS
SNUGLY AGAINST THE GLASS'S
BOTTOM SO THAT THE COIN IS
HEARD TO HIT THE GLASS. WHEN THE TUBE
IS REMOVED THE COIN GOES WITH IT.



I KNOW THIS ISN'T MY COAT,
BUT FOR THIS TRICK I
NEED LOOSE SLEEVES!
WANT TO KNOW
WHY?



SO I CAN DROP A NICKEL
DOWN THERE! THAT'S WHY!



NOW I
REACH
DOWN
HERE!

...AND PULL THE
NICKEL
THROUGH
MY
ELBOW!



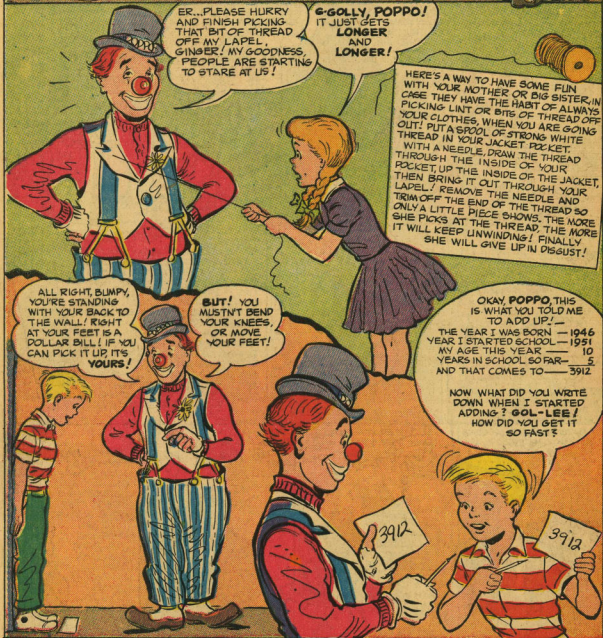
HOW DID
POPPO DO
THAT?

AGAIN, POPPO USES
TWO COINS. HE HAD
HIDDEN THE SECOND
ONE BY WEDGING IT
BETWEEN THE BUTTONS
AT THE CUFF
OF HIS SLEEVE!

AFTER
DROPPING THE FIRST
COIN... HIS
RIGHT
HAND
SIMPLY
SLIDES...
THE
HIDDEN
COIN
DOWN TO

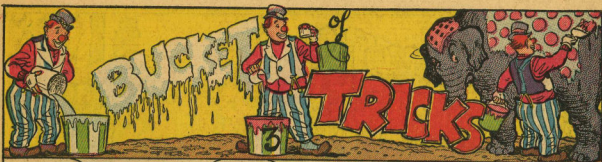


HIS ELBOW!



NOBODY CAN DO THIS WITHOUT LOSING HIS BALANCE! THEN HE WON'T BE ABLE TO STRAIGHTEN UP AGAIN!

THE SUM WILL ALWAYS BE TWICE THE NUMBER OF THE PRESENT YEAR / TWICE 1956 IS 3912!



DID YOU KNOW THAT I CAN STICK A COIN TO MY FOREHEAD, JUST LIKE A MAGNET?

SEE? NOW I'LL TELL YOU HOW!

THIS IS ALL YOU DO. JUST PLACE THE COIN AGAINST YOUR FOREHEAD AND PUSH IT UPWARD ABOUT AN INCH! USE LOTS OF PRESSURE! THE COIN WILL STAY THERE BY ITSELF!

SEE WHAT THIS IS, KIDS? IT'S A PAIR OF DRINKING STRAWS IN A THIN TISSUE PAPER WRAPPING JUST LIKE YOU GET THEM AT THE SODA FOUNTAIN! I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE A FUNNY PAPER SNAKE OUT OF THAT SEALED WRAPPING!

FIRST, BREAK ONE END OF THE COVERING AND SLIDE IT DOWN THE STRAWS, SO IT TELESCOPES INTO ITSELF!

NOW YOU HAVE A SHORT, WRINKLED TUBE, ABOUT TWO INCHES LONG!

WHEN THIS TUBE IS PLACED ON A PLATE, IT BEGINS TO ACT VERY SNAKEY! IT TWISTS, TURNS, AND WIGGLES!

WHAT MAKES IT WIGGLE? A FEW DROPS OF WATER ON THE PLATE! WHEN THE PAPER TOUCHES THE WATER, IT COMES TO LIFE!

NOW I'LL TOSS THESE TORN UP PIECES OF PAPER INTO MY MOUTH ...

... AND CHEW THEM UP WELL ...

WOW! HEY, LOOK! LOOK!

WHILE PUTTING THE TORN PAPER INTO HIS MOUTH, POPPO ALSO SLIPPED IN A PAPER STREAMER. HE TUCKS THE TORN PAPER INTO HIS CHEEK, AND DRAWS OUT THE STREAMER, PULLING FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROLL!



HERE IS A GLASS FULL OF WATER. POPPO CAN'T TAKE A DRINK FROM IT BECAUSE IT IS COVERED WITH THIN PAPER STRIPS!



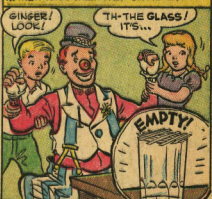
AND TO MAKE IT EVEN HARDER, BUMPY AND GINGER HOLD HIS HANDS!



THEY TURN THE LIGHTS OUT BRIEFLY



...THEN TURN THEM BACK ON AGAIN!



POPPO HAD A STRAW IN HIS VEST POCKET. HE REACHED IT BY BENDING HIS HEAD FORWARD, LEANED OVER, DRINK THE WATER THROUGH THE STRAW, DROPPED THE STRAW ON THE FLOOR AND CALLED FOR THE LIGHTS!

NOW I'VE GOT ONE FOR YOU, POPPO! WRITE ANYTHING YOU LIKE ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND FOLD IT UP!



RIGHT! NOW WHAT?

NOW PUT IT ON THE FLOOR AND PUT YOUR FOOT ON IT!

LIKE THIS?



BUMPY BOY, NOW THAT YOU'RE A BUDDING 'MAGICIAN, I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU A GOOD EXIT STUNT! TAKE MY MAGICIAN'S WAND!



NOW CATCH THIS SILK CLOTH ON THE TIP AND WHIRL IT!

GEE! WON'T IT FALL OFF?



YEP! NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S ON THAT PAPER!

YOU WILL? OKAY, PAL! WHAT'S ON IT?

YOUR FOOT!

BY GEORGE! THE BOY'S RIGHT!



NOPE! NOW CATCH THIS ONE! ... AND THIS ONE! WHEE!



NOW KEEP 'EM WHIRLING AND MAKE YOUR EXIT!

SO LONG, EVERYBODY!



BUMPY'S "JUGGLING SKILL" CONSISTS OF A SMALL NEEDLE POINT AT THE END OF POPPO'S WAND WHICH CATCHES THE CLOTH AND ACTS AS A PIVOT!

**MAKE
THIS TEST
with a POPPO
funnybook!**

AFTER ENJOYING A STORY,
SEE HOW VERY EASY IT IS
TO REMEMBER ALL THE FUN
OF IT, EVEN MONTHS LATER.

POPPO LEAVES HIS
JOYOUS GOODNESS DEEP
IN EVERY READER'S HEART
FOREVER.

YES, IT'S TRUE THAT

A TRUE *POPPO* FAN NEVER
MISSES AN ISSUE BECAUSE
HE'S HAD HIS *Reserved!*



KIDS!

See and hear me every week

ON T.V.

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a full hour of fun with POPPO, cartoons,
comedies and adventure!

